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SUBJ: PETROLEUM: ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL OIL COMPANY  
AND OBSERVER STATUS IN OPEC

1. IN CEREMONY INSTALLING RECENTLY APPOINTED BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS OF NATIONAL TUNISIAN ENTERPRISE FOR PETROLEUM  
ACTIVITY (ETAP), MINISTER AYARI ANNOUNCED THAT ORGANIZATION  
OF PETROLEUM EXPORTIN COUNTRIES (OPEC) IS PREPARED TO  
GIVE TUNISIA OBSERVER STATUS.

2. ETAP, WHICH WILL BE HEADED BY AMOR ROUROU WHO WILL  
CONTINUE IN PRESENT POSITION AS DIRECTOR OF ENERGY IN  
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MINISTRY OF NATIONAL ECONOMY, WILL HOLD GOT PARTICIPATION

IN POSSIBLE FUTURE PETROLEUM PRODUCTION VENTURES AND  
EVENTUALLY ASSUME ACTIVE ROLE AS NATIONAL  
OIL COMPANY. IN HIS SPEECH, AYARI CALLED ON  
ETAP TO INTENSIFY PETROLEUM EXPLORATION  
ACTIVITY AND ROUROU STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF  
ETAP IN FURTHERING TRAINING OF TUNISIAN  
PETROLEUM EXPERTS. AYARI ALSO NOTED THAT  
GOT ABOUT TO SIGN AGREEMENT FOR SECOND OIL  
REFINERY IN TUNISIA AND IS ATTACHING IMPORTANCE  
TO TUNISIA'S ENTRY INTO PETRO-CHEMICAL FIELD.  
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